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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fount *et al.* Examiner: Wortman, D.  
Serial No.: 09/728,720 Art Unit: 1648  
Filed: December 1, 2000  
For: PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF HCV INFECTION EMPLOYING  
ANTIBODIES DIRECTED AGAINST CONFORMATIONAL EPITOPES

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Sir:

SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

As part of the Request for Continued Examination and in reply to the Advisory Action that was mailed in the above-referenced case on August 13, 2003 (Paper No. 21), Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks. The Amendments and Remarks are substantively similar to those filed in the Response to Final Office Action mailed July 16, 2003 but are modified to address the issues raised by the Examiner in the Advisory Action.

Please consider the following Amendment and Remarks in lieu of the above-mentioned Response to Final Office Action.

In particular, in the Claims, please amend claims 1, 8, 9, 12, 14, 25-27, 92, 93, and 105 as indicated in the Amendment to the Claims. Please cancel claims 4-7, 10-11, 13, 23, 29 - 32, 67, 70, 75-91, 96, and 98 - 102. Please add claims 106 and 107.

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